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Applicant: Juzer Jangbarwala
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International App. No.: PCT/US00/19928
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Docket No.: 1693
Title: WATER SOFTENING METHOD AND APPARATUS
FOR USE THEREWITH

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Art Unit:
Examiner:

Action: **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**
Date: January 18, 2002

TO: Box PCT
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the specification:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.78 and 1.121(b), please add the following paragraph immediately after the Title of the application on page 1:

The present application is a 35 U.S.C. 371 national stage application of international application PCT/US00/19928, filed July 20, 2000, and claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/144,637, filed July 20, 1999.

Remarks

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted in regard to the present U.S. National Phase Application of PCT/US00/19928, filed concurrently herewith. The above amendment inserts a reference in the first sentence following the title, pursuant to 37

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